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DEPARTMENT OF NOTES AND REVIEWS

It is the purpose, in this department, to present from time to time brief original notes, both of methods of work and of results, by members of the Society. All members are invited to submit such items. In addition to these there will be given a few brief abstracts of recent work of more general interest to students and teachers. There will be no attempt to make these abstracts exhaustive. They will illustrate progress without attempting to define it, and will thus give to the teacher current illustrations, and to the isolated student suggestions of suitable fields of investigation.—[Editor.]

THE NEW SECRETARY AND EDITOR

Owing to the pressure of other duties the undersigned has been compelled to retire as Secretary of the American Microscopical Society and Editor of the *Transactions*, at the end of the current year and volume. This concludes ten years of service which is probably as much as one member should be called upon to render, and doubtless as much as the Society can afford to endure.

The Executive Committee has voted to appoint, subject to confirmation at the coming business meeting of the Society in St. Louis in affiliation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Professor Paul S. Welch of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as Secretary-Editor for the next term of three years. Indeed, Dr. Welch has kindly undertaken to begin his work with the October number of Volume 38. All correspondence relative to membership, *Transactions*, and exchanges should therefore be addressed to him.

The former Secretary had hoped to present a statement to the Society of the work of the decade, but this does not seem possible at the present time. He must content himself with making a final request of the membership to give the new Secretary the utmost support in his effort to make the *Transactions* still more effective in stimulating research and in publishing its results.

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